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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- August 1985

I. GENERAL

The bureau's wordage almost doubled during August, from a monthly average of around 250,000 words to over 400,000 for the month. Most of the increase is attributable to the state of emergency and general unrest in South Africa. Editors, monitors and teletypists have been required to put in many hours of overtime to cope with the workload and London Bureau supplied a TDY teletypist to help handle the increased wordage and the resignation of one of the bureau's four teletypists. The Wire noted that the bureau's file made up 13 percent of the Wire's wordage for August, a contribution exceeded only by London Bureau.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. On the 6th, at the request of a high-level headquarters consumer, the bureau began filing a daily summary of South African press coverage of the state of emergency, school and consumer boycotts and general unrest throughout the country. With the assistance of the embassy in Pretoria, the bureau arranged for a daily air freight shipment of newspapers not normally available in Swaziland for inclusion in the press review. As a result, the bureau now receives the Johannesburg English-language BUSINESS DAY, CITIZEN and CITY PRESS, and the Afrikaans-language BEELD on a same-day basis and the Afrikaans evening paper DIE TRANSVALER next day. The STAR, WEEKLY MAIL and SOWETAN are available locally. In addition to the headquarters consumer, the press review is also being filed to the Embassy in Pretoria and State Africa Desk. Charge Gerald Scott reported that in a telecon with State/AF, they asked him to pass on thanks for the bureau's reporting on South Africa and especially the press review, which they find "invaluable."

2. On the 15th, State President P. W. Botha addressed the Natal Province National Party Congress in Durban, which advance reports had touted as a major speech that would point the way for future reforms. The speech had been preceded by meetings between Foreign Minister Pik Botha and U.S. and UK officials in Vienna. Pretoria political officer Tim Carney asked that the speech be filed directly to the Secretary of State and the National Security Adviser, who were with the President in Santa Barbara. The bureau texted the speech, which failed to live up to expectations, from SAPA and stayed open late to file a comparison FYI from RSA television.

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The bureau received thanks from the BBC for the speech, which was appreciated by a "high-level consumer." The next day the bureau also stayed open late to cover an interview on RSA television with Foreign Minister Botha in which he expounded on the State President's speech and defended his advance comments on it in Vienna.

3. On the 23rd, the State President addressed the National Party youth congress, again confounding his public by presenting a speech which failed to live up to its advance billing and was not even carried live by radio or television. The bureau again stayed open late to cover the speech from SAPA.

4. On the 20th, the bureau began filing VSL's on the main evening English and Afrikaans news programs from Johannesburg television and forwarding the videotapes to headquarters. The TV is being received at the bureau from the Swazi relay, which is located near the bureau's remote antenna site. Backstop recordings are being made at the remote site directly from a South African transmitter.

5. During the month the bureau filed various reports on interparty violence in Zimbabwe, as well as "dissident" action in the western provinces. On the 6th, the BBC sent thanks for the "good Harare stories" on people held following raids by government forces and the deaths of some British tourists. On the 12th, they also expressed appreciation for the bureau's "model FYI" on a speech by Prime Minister Mugabe on the 11th, in which he warned of "stern measures" to be taken against ZAPU if they did not end their banditry. The bureau stayed open late to cover the speech.

6. The coups in Nigeria and Uganda, while outside the bureau's coverage area, prompted some priority items from the bureau's coverage of the BBC's Africa beams, which carried interviews with government officials and rebel leaders of each country. The BBC sent thanks on 19 August for the bureau's Lusaka radio report that former Ugandan leader Obote had been given refuge in Zambia, which gave them a "World Service exclusive."

III. ADMINISTRATION

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A. Personnel

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1. Bureau teletypist [] resigned effective 3 August.

2. Teletypist [] was married on 31 August.

B. Buildings and Grounds

Repairs to the roof of the main building at the bureau were completed and silver flamenco roof sealant was applied. Electrical bonding of the roof sheets and installation of the grounding grid was completed.

Repairs to the roof of the Electronics shop and bonding of the roof sheets continues.

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IV. VISITS

To the Bureau:

- STAT 1. [] London Bureau teletypist, arrived 23 August to help the bureau cope with a staffing shortage and excessive wordage.
- STAT 2. Headquarters cruising monitor [] arrived 12 August for a cruising survey, but had to depart on the 13th due to a family emergency in the States.

From the Bureau:

- STAT 1. Deputy Chief, [] departed on 23 August on R&R.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

SWAZILAND BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 403,710
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 18,170
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 1,167

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	5,605	8,040	95
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)	158,980	188,840	55,890

ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	8,590		
Luanda ANGOP in English		170	
Luanda ANGOP in French			
Luanda ANGOP in Spanish			

BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	5,260		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	1,380		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe			
(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	60		
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern & Central Africa		440	
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern & Central Africa			
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern & Central Africa			
(Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola			

LESOTHO

Maseru Domestic Service in English	7,390		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
LESOTHO			
Maseru THE NATION in English			980
Maseru THE COMMET in English and			
Maseru MOCHOCHONOCHO in Sesotho			
MADAGASCAR			
Antananarivo Domestic Service in French			
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	410		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			
Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in English			
MAURITIUS			
Port Louis Domestic Service in English			
Port Louis Domestic Service in French			
MOCAMBIQUE			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	6,010		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	5,690		
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			
NAMIBIA			
Windhoek Domestic Service in Afrikaans			
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			
Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English			
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	1,580		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	36,400		
Johannesburg International Service in English	6,840		
Johannesburg Television Service in Afrikaans	5,700		
Johannesburg Television Service in English	13,940		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	24,140		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		188,230	
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese			
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			280
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			2,660
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English			2,930
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES in English			2,150
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			790
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			4,880
Johannesburg THE WEEKLY MAIL in English			1,250
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			
RSA Press Review			38,160
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	170		
Mbabane Domestic Service in Siswati	750		
Mbabane Television Service in English	1,220		
Mbabane Television Service in Siswati			
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			420

BROAD CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in English	12,880	
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USSR

Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	500	
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	4,160	

ZAMBIA

Lusaka Domestic Service in English	2,040	
Lusaka Voice of Namibia in English		
Lusaka Voice of Freedom in English to Southern Africa		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English		
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English		350
Lusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in English		

ZIMBABWE

Harare Domestic Service in English	11,430	
Harare Domestic Service in Ndebele		
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	2,440	
Harare THE HERALD in English		1,040
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English		